

RECEIVED

APR 17 2002

TECH CENTER 1600/2900

PC10755AJTJ

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT:

William J. Curatolo, et al.

SERIAL NO.: 09/742,785

FILED: December 20, 2000


FOR: Pharmaceutical Compositions
Providing Enhanced Drug
Concentrations

Assistant Commissioner For Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Examiner: B. Fubara

Art Unit 1610
I hereby certify that this correspondence
is being deposited with the United States
Postal Service as First Class Mail in an
envelope addressed to: Assistant Commissioner
for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231 on

this 4 day of April 2002

By 

Sir:

AMENDMENT UNDER RULE 111

This is in response to the Office Action of October 10, 2001 in the above-identified application, the term for response having been extended three (3) months by including the appropriate fee and petition herewith.

In response to the Office Action, please make the following changes in the application.

In the claims:

A 1

1. (Once Amended) A composition comprising:
 - (a) a drug in a pharmaceutically acceptable solubility-improved form; and
 - (b) a concentration-enhancing polymer combined with said solubility-improved form in a sufficient amount so that said composition provides, after introduction to a use environment, a maximum concentration of said drug in said use environment that is at least 1.25-fold an equilibrium concentration of said drug in said use environment, and a concentration of said drug in said use environment that exceeds said equilibrium concentration for a longer time than the concentration of said drug in said use environment provided by a control composition exceeds said equilibrium concentration, wherein said control composition is free from said concentration-